

# What's Happening at Douthat State Park?

(June 12 - September 1, 2006)

## Monday



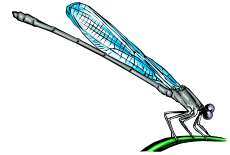
**11 AM - Butterfly Kapers:** All of our "Kapers" programs are designed to expose youth to the wonderful world of nature in a creative way. Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **butterflies** before you are done.

**1 PM - Butterfly Bungalows:** Do you want to attract flying flowers to your garden or yard? Come to the Discovery Center to learn about Virginia's state insect and make a butterfly house. \$16

**3 PM - In the Middle of Everywhere:** Stop by the Discovery Center and learn about the wonders of the Alleghany Highlands and the surrounding region to see why Douthat State Park *is* in the middle of everywhere!

**7 PM - Going In-Seine:** Come to the Discovery Center prepared to get wet! It's a critter crawl! We will be searching in the creek to identify some of Douthat's aquatic insects and other creek critters.

**9 PM - Night Hike:** Meet at the Discovery Center to learn about Douthat's forest nightlife. Space is limited so sign up & purchase a ticket in the park office. \$3



## Tuesday



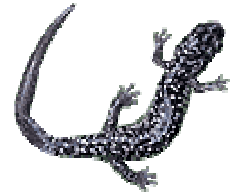
**11 AM - Frog Kapers:** Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **frogs** before you are done.

**1 PM - Toad Abodes:** Did you know that all toads are frogs but not all frogs are toads? Come to the Discovery Center to create a house to attract these insect eaters to your yard. \$6

**3 PM - Paper Making:** Meet at the Discovery Center to turn trash into treasure. We will use junk mail to create a work of art or greeting card that you can even plant and have flowers grow.

**7 PM - The Tree Army:** Join us at the Discovery Center for a short hike to see some of the history created by the Civilian Conservation Corps as they built Douthat.

**9 PM - Salamander Meander:** Twilight is the perfect time to hunt for salamanders. Stop by the Discovery Center and come hunt for these elusive critters, frogs and crayfish too!



## Wednesday



**11 AM - Owl Kapers:** Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **owls** before you are done.

**1 PM - Owl Pellet Adventure:** Did you know owls don't chew their food? Meet at the Discovery Center to learn how owls eat. Dissect your own owl pellet and see exactly what was for dinner. \$3

**3 PM - Nest in Peace:** Join us at the Discovery Center to make a house and attract feathered friends to your backyard. Here is your chance to build a nest box for some elusive creatures of the night, screech owls. \$20

**7 PM - Magic of Douthat:** Venture over to the amphitheater to meet Bobby Nuckels and his special pal Goober as they provide an evening of fun filled with magic and comedy.

**9 PM - Owl Prowl:** Come to the Discovery Center as we call in some owls for your listening and possible viewing pleasure. Space is limited so sign up & purchase a ticket in the park office. \$3



## Thursday



**11 AM - Turkey Kapers:** Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **turkeys** before you are done.

**1 PM - Nature Journaling:** This extended hike from the Discovery Center will give you the opportunity to create your own nature journal! Space is limited so sign up & purchase a ticket in the park office. \$5

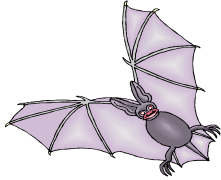
**3 PM – Who Made Those Tracks?:** Join us at the Discovery Center to identify wildlife tracks. If you want, you can even make a plaster cast of a critter's track to take home for only \$2 per track.

**7 PM – Campfire Cookery:** Whip up a tasty treat over the flame at the Discovery Center Campfire Ring and enjoy it in a **free souvenir mug**. Space is limited so sign up & purchase a ticket in the park office. \$5

**9 PM – Stories of the Stars:** Join us at the beach house with our telescope as we find some planets, moons, stars and constellations and share with you some of their many stories.



### Friday



**11 AM – Bat Kapers:** Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **bats** before you are done.

**1 PM – Roost in Peace:** A single brown bat will eat at least 1/3 of its weight in insects each half hour. Come to the Discovery Center to make a house to encourage these creatures to eat in your yard. \$12

**3 PM – Whose Scat is That?:** Do you know what scat is? It's animal poop! Join us at the Discovery Center to learn how you can identify the wildlife that frequents your yard just by looking at what was left behind. Then check out our scat replicas.

**7 PM – A Stroll in Nature:** Join us at the Discovery Center and take a stroll up one of our trails to see what might be in bloom and learn a little about the natural history of Douthat.

**9 PM – Moonlight Canoe Tour:** Stop by the boat dock for a lovely evening of paddling under the stars. Space is limited so sign up & purchase a boarding pass in the park office. \$5



### Saturday



**11 AM – Beaver Kapers:** Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **beavers** before you are done.

**1 PM – Orienteering:** Want to learn the tools needed so that you never get lost in the woods? Join our Eagle Scout at the Discovery Center to come try out some map reading and compass skills.

**3 PM – Ask a Ranger:** Stop by the beach to see some cool critters, hold some interesting artifacts and have all of your nature and history questions about Douthat answered.

**4 PM – Frontier Hides:** Come to the beach and learn some traditional processes for hide tanning and then you can test your skill and identify some of our hides. Where else will you get the chance to pet a coyote?

**7 PM – Saturday Evening Showcase:** Every Saturday evening, we showcase special talent at the amphitheater. See the special flier to find out who or what this week's special treat will be!



### Sunday



**11 AM – Dragonfly Kapers:** Stop by the Discovery Center to have some fun, make something neat and learn about **dragonflies** before you are done.

**1 PM – Train Whistles and Gandy Dancers:** Don't know what a gandy dancer is? Join us at the Discovery Center for a trip back in time to the reign of the steam locomotive and the glory days of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad in Clifton Forge. Pick up a passport for discounts in town and find out when you can visit Smyth Creek Yard and the C&O Historical Society.

**3 PM – Colonial Kids:** Can you imagine not having a TV or computer? What would you do for fun? Come to the beach to have fun playing the games early settlers played.

**7 PM – Junior Ranger Meeting:** Calling all kids between 4-12. Swing by the amphitheater to find out how you can become an official Douthat State Park Junior Ranger.

**8 PM – Campfire:** Want to get to know Douthat and your fellow campers a little better? Join us at the amphitheater for S'mores, stories, songs and lots of fun.



*To get to the Discovery Center turn onto the gravel road towards Camp Carson Shelter, cross the low water bridge and park in the parking area. The Discovery Center is the shelter on the left.*